TOWN COUNCIL WEEKLY STATUS REPORT

October 13, 2016

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UPCOMING MEETINGS

• Tuesday, October 18th, Town Council, 7:30 p.m., Town Hall Annex, CR1

GROTON FALL FESTIVAL

The 11th Annual Groton Fall Festival was held at Poquonnock Plains Park on October 8th with 115 exhibitors and vendors taking part in this year's event. The LifeStar helicopter arrived as planned and attracted the attention of thousands in attendance. The event was a collaboration between Groton Parks and Recreation and the Events Committee of the Groton Business Association of the Greater Mystic Chamber of Commerce. Funds raised at the event will be used to pay for the Holiday Lights Parade and other community endeavors. Dozens of volunteers from the SUBASE, Grasso Technical High School and Stedfast Baptist Church were on hand to assist with set up and tear down. Several Town departments including the Police Department, the Public Works Department and the Library were also involved. This event has grown into a significant community event and plans are already underway for 2017.

ATTACHMENTS

- 1. Attachment 1 is an invitation from the Eastern Connecticut Chamber of Commerce for the Ribbon Cutting of Rob Nevins' Slim Nation on October 18th from 5:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. at 428 Long Hill Road. This event is free and open to the public.
- 2. Attachment 2 is a flyer from Groton Alliances Substance Abuse Prevention for the "Talking To Your Kids About Drugs" event on October 25th at 6:00 p.m. at Ocean Community YMCA, One Harry Austin Drive, Mystic. Refreshments and childcare will be provided. To register, please call Stonington Human Services at 860-535-5015 or register online at http://stonington.recdesk.com.
- 3. Attachment 3 is an invitation from the Eastern Connecticut Chamber of Commerce for the 7th Annual Military Appreciation Breakfast on November 4th from 7:30 a.m. to 9:00 a.m. at the Mystic Marriott Hotel and Spa, 625 North Road. Admission is \$20.00 per member and \$25.00 per non-member. An

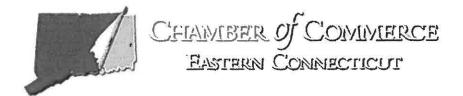
- additional \$5.00 fee will be applied for walk-ins. Please register at http://infochamberect.com/events.
- 4. Attachment 4 is an invitation from Fairview Oddfellows Home for the Eat and Drink Bid on Saturday, November 5th at 6:00 p.m. at Bromfield-Wilson Auditorium at Fairview, 235 Lestertown Road. Tickets are \$25.00 per person. Please RSVP by October 28th.
- 5. Attachment 5 is an invitation from the Eastern Connecticut Chamber of Commerce for the William Crawford Distinguished Service Award Reception and Dinner to be held on November 15th at 6:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. at the Mystic Marriott Hotel & Spa. The recipient of this award will be Maggie Jones, Executive Director of the Denison Pequotsepos Nature Center. Tickets are \$75.00 per individual. Please RSVP by November 2nd. Register online at http://chamberect.com/crawford.
- 6. Attachment 6 is an invitation from the Community Foundation of Southeastern Connecticut for the Community Foundation Annual Meeting on Wednesday, November 16th at 5:30 p.m. at the Lyman Allyn Art Museum, 625 Williams Street, New London. Please RSVP to Pam by November 7th at 860-442-3572 or pamela@cfect.org.
- 7. Attachment 7 is a flyer from the National League of Cities for the City Summit from November 16th through November 19th in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania. For more information please visit www.citysummit.nlc.org.

MONTHLY MANAGEMENT REPORTS

- 1. Parks and Recreation Department (August):
- The Director began preparing the FYE 2018 budget.
- The Director met with planning staff to discuss the results of the community survey conducted by Great Blue.
- The Director met with Senior Center staff to discuss transitional planning for the retirement of a programmer from the Senior Center.
- Sponsorship recruitment for the 2016-2017 Groton Basketball Association youth basketball season has begun with reaching out to last year's sponsors for renewals.
- A training session for all recreation program instructors was held to train them on updated software that allows them real-time access to program and participant information from anywhere via PC, smartphone or tablet.

- Parks maintenance staff removed seaweed from Esker Point Beach and brought it to Coogan Farm to be used as fertilizer in their vegetable garden.
- Shennecossett Golf Course hosted the Connecticut PGA Jack Kelly Tournament of Champions, Electric Boat Field Day, Travelers Insurance Outing, Electric Boat Old Timers Day and the Sacred Heart Tournament.

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Ribbon Cutting: Rob Nevins' Slim Nation, Groton

Name: Ribbon Cutting: Rob Nevins' Slim Nation, Groton

Date: October 18, 2016

Time: 5:30 PM - 7:30 PM EDT

Event Description:

Please join us for the grand opening of Rob Nevins Slim Nation. Rob Nevins, President and Founder of Slim Nation, will be here to greet guests and educate the crowd on the Slim Nation philosophy. Special Guest, Scot Haney of Channel 3 and Better Connecticut, will join us to celebrate and share his OWN success on the Slim Nation Program. One lucky guest will win a 3 month, customized, Slim Nation Diet Plan!

Come enjoy refreshments, music and the hugely entertaining Scot Haney and learn how you, too, can live it, NOT diet! There is no cost to attend.

About Rob Nevins Slim Nation:

At Rob Nevins Slim Nation we teach you how to eat to maximize your body's natural ability to burn fat. We do not use pills or powders, just real food from your local grocery store. We will work one-on-one with you to customize a meal plan tailored to YOUR lifestyle.

Location:

428 Long Hill Road Groton CT 06340

Fees/Admission:

FREE



7th Annual Military Appreciation Breakfast

Name: 7th Annual Military Appreciation Breakfast

Date: November 4, 2016

Time: 7:30 AM - 9:00 AM EDT

Registration: Register Now

Event Description:

This important breakfast gives the local business community an opportunity to show their support and connect with the many service members in eastern Connecticut. Please join us in saying thank you to those who serve.

The program will also feature:

- the presentation of the Military Community Support Award
- musical performance of the national service songs
- color guard by the U.S. Navy Silver Dolphins,
- and remarks from senior service representatives from the U.S. Navy, U.S. Coast Guard, and U.S. Army.

Through the generosity of our members and sponsors, we are able to extend complimentary invitations to our local service men and women as a small token of our appreciation.

Location:

Mystic Marriott Hotel and Spa 625 North Road Groton CT 06340 View a Map

Fees/Admission: \$20 Member, \$25 Non-member; A \$5 fee will be applied to walk-ins.

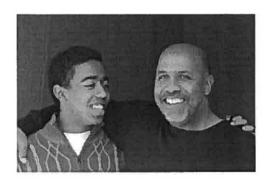
Cancellation Policy: Notice must be given at least three business days prior to the event. No shows or those unable to cancel in time will be billed. To cancel, please call the Chamber at 860-701-9113.

TALKING TO YOUR KIDS ABOUT DRUGS:

WHY should you? WHAT should you say? HOW should you say it?

October 25, 2016 @ 6pm

Ocean Community YMCA, One Harry Austin Drive, Mystic







Parents have the greatest influence over whether their kids use drugs. Communication is key! In this talk you will learn about:

- Current trends in drug use among tweens and teens.
- How to have an ongoing conversation about drugs with your kids.
- · What to say and do if your child is already using drugs.
- General tips for setting boundaries and expectations with your child.

This talk is full of practical tips/resources and is relevant for parents with kids or young adults of ANY age as well as for grandparents, teachers, administrators, community leaders, and counselors.

Free Refreshments and Childcare

To Register, Call Stonington Human Services 860-535-5015 or Online at stonington.recdesk.com



Alicia Farrell, Ph.D. is an accomplished cognitive psychologist, professional speaker and founder of Clearview Consulting. Some of her noteworthy accomplishments include, 9 years as a university professor, twice a fellowship award recipient in support of research on Wisdom, published research scientist and an expert problem solver. Her life's work is to educate and coach people, and organizations, on how to maximize brain power and solve problems. She also has a private practice working with children, adults, couples and families who want to make healthy and durable changes in their lives. Dr. Farrell brings 20+ years of expertise and passion to her work.











You are cordially invited to



SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 5TH, 2016 • 6:00PM

Individual Tickets \$25, Table of 6 \$150

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235 Lestertown Road • Groton, CT 06340 860.448.4722 • www.FairviewCT.org

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Weekly Status Report October 13, 2016 ATTACHMENT 4



Yes! We would be happy to support the 2016 Fairview Auction.

Please see reverse for sponsorship levels and benefits.

Please respond by October 28, 2016.

Company Name:		
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Contact Tricia Cunningham at 860-448-4722,

cunninghamt@fairviewct.org for more information.

Fairview, Odd Fellows Home of CT

235 Lestertown Road, Groton, CT 06340

www.FairviewCT.org



About the Evening...

Live Auction will be no more than 10 items & includes the following: Foxwoods Package,
Wine Collection with Glassware, Original Artwork,
Jewelry from Simply Majestic, Golf Packages,
Mystic Staycation Package

Exquisite hors d'oeuvres, desserts and complimentary beer & wine Music from the Marcy Kelly Trio

Proceeds from this year's auction will be used for Fairview unrestricted annual fund and to help fund the Guided Journeys Memory Care Program at Fairview.



Yes! We would be happy to support Fairview's 2016 Auction. Please check level below. Thank you!

☐ \$5,000 - Platinum Sponsor

· Recognition throughout the event on donor board

 Logo placement on silent auction tables, in event program & on Fairview's Facebook page

Recognition on donor wall in lobby & on website prior to the event

8 Auction Tickets

□ \$2,500 - \$4,999 Gold Sponsor

Recognition throughout the event on donor board

 Logo placement on dessert & appetizer tables, in event program & on Fairview's Facebook page

Recognition on donor wall in lobby & on website prior to the event

· 6 Auction Tickets

☐ \$1,000 - \$2,499 Silver Sponsor

Recognition throughout the event on donor board

· Logo placement on dessert tables, business name in event program

Recognition on website leading up to the event

· 5 Auction Tickets

□ \$500 - \$999 Bronze Sponsor

· Recognition throughout the event on donor board

Business name in event program

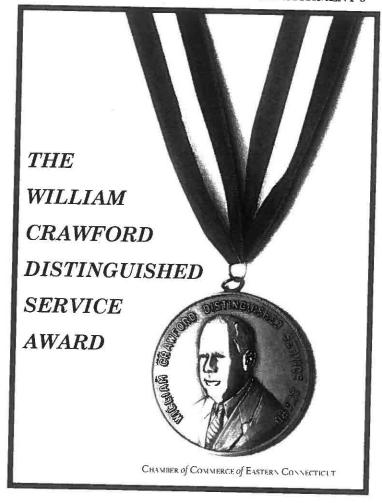
· Recognition on website leading up to the event, 4 Auction Tickets

■ \$200 - \$499 Friend of Fairview

· Recognition throughout the event on donor board

· Business name in event program

• Recognition on website leading up to the event, 2 Auction Tickets



\$10,000 Platinum Sponsorship: Three premium reserved tables of 10 and highest priority recognition in all publications, marketing materials, advertisements, and evening of the event. Full-page ad on outside back cover of program. (8"Wx10.5"H)

\$5,000 Gold Sponsorship: Two premium reserved tables of 10 and high priority recognition in all publications, marketing materials, advertisements, and evening of the event. Half-page ad in program. (8"W \times 5.125"H)

\$2,500 Silver Sponsorship: Reserved table of 10 and priority recognition in all publications, marketing materials, advertisements, and evening of the event. Quarter-page ad in program. $(3.875^{\circ}W \times 5.125^{\circ}H)$

1.500 Bronze Sponsorship: Reserved table of 10 and recognition in all publications, marketing materials and advertisements. Business card ad in program. 3.875 W $\times 2.45$ H)

Please respond by November 2nd to be included as a sponsor in the program. Please send company logo to <u>Communications@ChamberECT.com</u> in order to be properly represented in all marketing materials.



Please join us in honoring Maggie Jones

Executive Director of the Denison Pequotsepos Nature Center

Recipient of the William Crawford Distinguished Service Award



Reception and Dinner Tuesday, November 15, 2016 Mystic Marriott Hotel & Spa 6:00 P.M.

Tickets are \$75 per individual.

Please see enclosed card for corporate table packages.

Register online at <u>ChamberECT.com/crawford</u> or call (860) 701-9113.

Please note any dietary requests with response.

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William Crawford Distinguished Service Award Program

Show your appreciation by placing an ad in this special program

This award recognizes Maggie Jones, an outstanding member of the community who has exemplified the spirit of service to one's neighbors and contributed to improving the quality of life in eastern Connecticut.

Program Size: 8.5" x 11"

Ad Sizes (Black and White):

Outside Back Cover (8"W x 10.5"H)*

Inside Cover (8"W x 10.5"H)*

Full Page (8"W x 10.5"H)

Half Page (8"W x 5.125"H)

Quarter Page (3.875"W x 5.125"H)

Business Card (3.875"W x 2.45"H)

*Sponsors receive first priority.

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Deadline for ads is November 2, 2016. To place an ad, please email <u>Communications@ChamberECT.com</u> or call (860) 701-9113. The Community Foundation of Eastern Connecticut is about...

- Encouraging philanthropy among those who share the vision of a healthy, thriving, sustainable Eastern Connecticut.
- Helping donors put their philanthropy into action to empower youth, promote basic needs and rights, preserve the environment and advance animal welfare - and many more ways to meet important community needs - now or through legacy giving.
- Ensuring that people can honor the special person in their lives.
- Making grants to local organizations and awarding scholarships to area students.
- The Community Foundation is a resource and partner for anyone who wants to make great things happen in our region.

Please join us for

A CELEBRATION of EASTERN CONNECTICUT

Community Foundation Annual Meeting

Featuring Elsa Núñez, President Eastern Connecticut State University and incoming Community Foundation Trustee

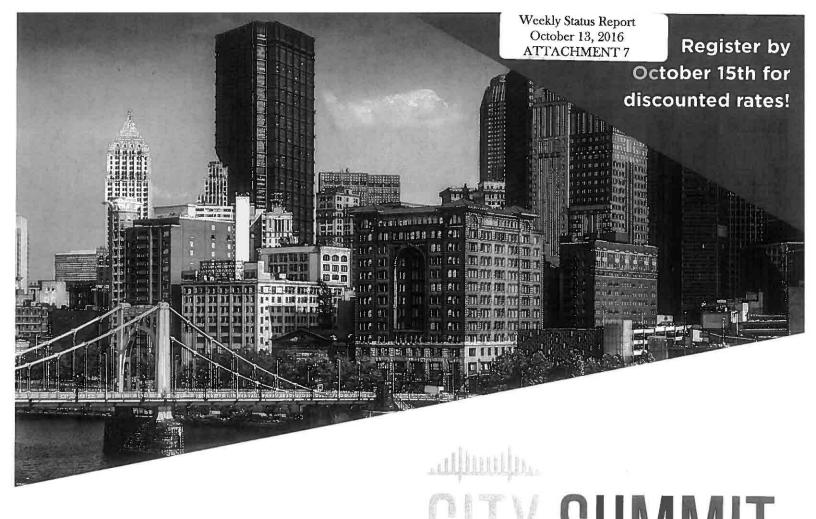
> Wednesday, November 16, 2016 5:30 pm ~ Reception 6:15 pm ~ Program

Lyman Allyn Art Museum

625 Williams Street, New London, CT (directions enclosed)

Please RSVP by November 7th to Pam 860.442.3572 • 877.442.3572 • pamela@cfect.org

It would be our pleasure to arrange transportation for you, if needed. Let Pam know when you contact her to RSVP!



City Leaders, Come to the Summit!

Take your place this November at the City Summit (formerly the Congress of Cities), the annual conference for city leaders. Meet with mayors, council members, city staff, and national experts. Learn from them and share your expertise.

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We as city leaders are moving this country forward. More than states. More than Congress. As a city leader, you are part of the movement to continue to strengthen the United States through the power and ingenuity of our cities and towns.

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CITY SUMMIT

PITTSBURGH - NOVEMBER 16-19, 2016

Leading a large city or small town in 2016 isn't easy, but we know you're up to the task. We also know a few thousand people who can help.

Why Pittsburgh?

Pittsburgh is known as The City of Bridges — it boasts 446 of them, more than any city in the world. It's one of the first things you'll notice, besides the abundance of trees and the explosion of new commercial areas. Pittsburgh's trademark bridges add color to the skyline and nod to the city's tremendous industrial past. In 2016, they connect a series of distinct and rapidly-evolving neighborhoods, increasingly renowned for their world-class food, culture, education, and technology.

We'll meet in this energetic metropolis for three days of workshops, networking events, and one-of-a-kind experiences that will bridge partisan and state lines and connect you with other local officials in the City of Bridges.

Why now?

So far this year we have seen stock market fluctuations, racial tension, an improving job market, a contentious presidential election, the Zika virus, record flooding, the promise of driverless cars, and a host of other issues affecting our communities. It's never been more important for us as city leaders to get together for the good of the nation's cities, towns, and villages.

Visit our conference website for the full list of workshops: citysummit.nlc.org

Choose from workshops such as:

- · Law Enforcement for Today's City
- Pittsburgh 3.0: Leveraging Programs, Practices and Policies to Create a Leading Resilient City
- · How to Prevent a Water Crisis
- · REAL Action for Racial Equity
- Creating Safe Communities
- Maker City: How to Support the Next Wave of Local Manufacturing

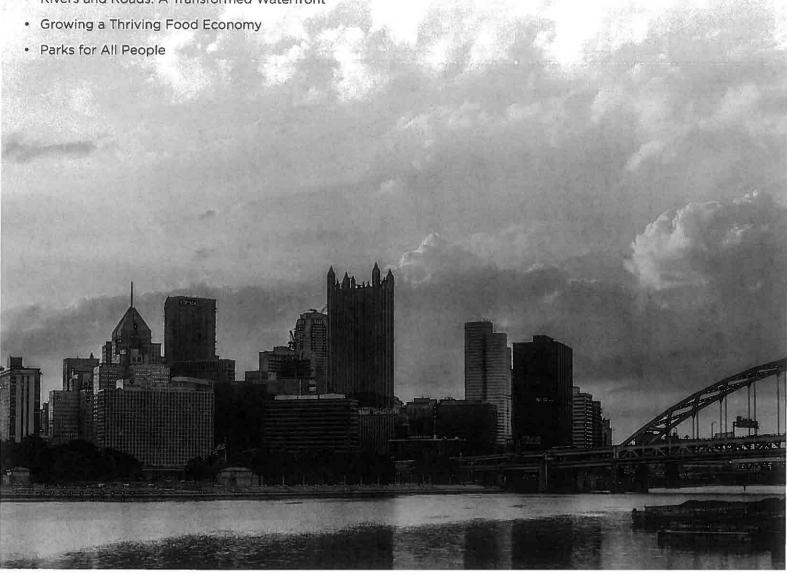
President Obama described Pittsburgh as "worldclass city [which] serves as a model for turning the page to a 21st century economy." Get ideas from the city of Pittsburgh on a mobile workshop:

- A High-Tech High-Rise
- · The Power of Arts to Drive Economic Growth
- · Rivers and Roads: A Transformed Waterfront

Upgrade your conference experience with a special NLC University seminar* to give you intensive training in the skill that will most benefit your career this year:

- · Communications Boot Camp
- Economic Development Strategies for Small and Mid-Sized Cities
- · Congratulations, You Got Elected: Now What?
- · Values-Based Leadership and Public Accountability
- · Advanced Racial Equity in Local Government

*NLC University seminars require an additional fee







DONNA BRAZILE

Veteran Democratic political strategist Donna Brazile is an adjunct professor, author, syndicated columnist, television political commentator, and vice chair for civic engagement and voter participation at the Democratic National Committee. She

and Ana Navarro will discuss the recent presidential election results in a lively joint session.



ANA NAVARRO

Ana Navarro is a well-known Republican strategist and a political analyst for CNN and CNN en Español. She is also a political contributor on ABC's "The View." She will give her smart and entertaining take on the presidential election results with her fellow

strategist from across the aisle, Donna Brazile.



TERRY BRADSHAW

The only NFL player with a star on the Hollywood Walk of Fame, Terry Bradshaw is a four-time Super Bowl champion quarterback for the Pittsburgh Steelers. With a great sense of humor, he looks at attitude, adversity and competition as to

what makes a leader successful.



VERNICE "FLYGIRL" ARMOUR

Known simply as "FlyGirl," Vernice Armour went from beat cop to combat pilot in just three years. Within months of earning her wings, she found herself flying over the deserts of Iraq, supporting the men and women on the ground. She will give you the

motivation you need to grow as a city leader this year.

ONLY IN PITTSBURGH

- Only convention center in the world with Gold and Platinum LEED Certification
- The largest state park located in a major city (Point State Park)
- · Three rivers meeting in one city
- World's Greenest Skyscraper (The Tower at PNC Plaza)
- Tallest educational building in the U.S. (Cathedral of Learning)





If you've enjoyed the Congress of Cities in the past, you'll love the City Summit. If you've never attended the Congress of Cities, join us for the first year under our new conference name at one of the most beautiful convention centers in the country.

YOUTH PROGRAM

NLC has a special program just for the ambitious high schoolers who attend the conference. Gather your city's youth council to share the conference experience – full details are on the conference website.

EXPOSITION HALL

Meet over 300 vendors to find a solution that you can bring home. Visit our Smart Cities Pavillion and be the first to hear about the latest inventions for cities, and pick up a unique souvenir from Pittsburgh at the local market square.

BIG IDEAS FOR SMALL CITIES

Back by popular demand, Big Ideas for Small Cities is a series of insightful talks designed to inspire creativity among attendees from smaller communities. Speakers have fifteen minutes each to tell the story about a forward-thinking idea that changed their city.

NETWORKING

Build a network you can rely on your entire career at the largest gathering of local leaders in the country. Throughout the conference, we'll have receptions and events for you to learn from your peers and enjoy the company of your peers.



PARKS AND RECREATION



Directors Report September

Planning/Coordination

Met with Division Supervisors to discuss preparing the FYE2018 budget. Began preparing the FYE2018 budget. • Plotted additional trails in Copp Family Park using GPS device. The trails will be added to map on webpage and sign at entrance to park.

Met with Planning department to discuss the results of the community survey conducted by Great Blue. The goal of the survey was to assess current perceptions of the Town, drivers and barriers to increased visitation or patronage, and priorities for future economic development.

Marketing/Promotion

Communications

Received complaints from abutters to Esker Point Beach about the seaweed that has accumulated along the shore.

Personnel

Met with Senior Center Supervisor to discuss transitional plan for the retirement of programmer from the Senior Center. Met with office staff and supervisors to discuss impact to department operations of shifting staff between recreation and parks.

Projects

Met with VHB Consultants to review project to develop a proposal for a bikeway from Depot Road to Thomas Drive. This was a project approved in the FYE16 CIP budget.

Met with City Planning Department to go over installation of precast concrete outhouse at the golf course. Began permit application process.

Completed RFP for replacement of playground equipment at Farqhar Park. Work will include a ADA compliant path connecting the parking lot to the playground and basketball courts.

Began working on Recreational Trail Grants for two projects. The construction of a pedestrian bridge behind Cutler Middle School and continued work on improving trail accessibility in the Copp Family Park.

Worked on application to DEEP for the removal of seaweed below the mean high tide level.

Met with consultant that is working on the Beach Sand Management Plan for Esker Point Beach.

Marketing September

Sponsorship Recruitment

Sponsorship recruitment for the 2016-17 Groton Basketball Association youth basketball season has begun with reaching out to last year's sponsors for renewals. Returning sponsors will have several weeks to decide if they would like to return as a sponsor for this year before opening up the league to new sponsors. After a successful first season where each team had a sponsor, the goal is for every team to be sponsored again this year.

Special Event Promotions

- Recorded a 30 second radio promo for the Groton Fall Festival. As part of the Greater Mystic
 Chamber of Commerce's sponsorship agreement with Hall Communications, the commercial will
 air 10 times per week on three stations: 100.9, 97.7, and 98.7. The Groton Fall Festival will be
 held on Saturday, October 8 from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. at Poquonnock Plains Park.
- Appeared as a guest on an episode of Mystic Matters, the Greater Mystic Chamber of Commerce's public access television show, to promote the Fall Festival. The episode airs on October 3.

Groton Parks Foundation Check Presentation

Photographed a check presentation for a Groton Parks Foundation grant to the Riverfront
Children's Center. The Center was awarded a grant for \$1,000 for the building of a new peace
garden on their property for families to enjoy. GPF President, John Silsby, awarded the grant to
Susan Corrice of the RCC.



Recreation September

Operational Efficiency

A training session for all recreation program instructors was held to train them on updated software that allows them real-time access to program and participant information from anywhere via PC, smartphone or tablet. These features allow for increased communication, better customer service and efficient operations.

Improving Community Health

The final Walk With A Doc program for the fall was held at Poquonnock Plains Park and plans are underway to offer the program again beginning in Spring 2017. Walk with a Doc is a walking program for everyone interested in taking steps for a healthier lifestyle. Prior to each walk, doctors share a brief presentation about a topic of general interest – diabetes management, preparing for the flu season, managing the emergency room, etc. Then, walkers walk at their own pace, and have the opportunity to have questions answered by local physicians. Groton Parks and Recreation is collaborating with L+M Hospital to provide this nationally recognized program.



Dr. Oliver Mayorga (right) talks with participants in the Walk With A Doc program at Poquonnock Plains Park.

Staff members continue to serve on various committees and coalitions in the community to improve health and wellness. The **Groton Alliance for Substance Abuse Prevention (GASP)** works towards a drug-free community, the Groton Public Schools **District Wellness Committee** works to improve health of students, and the **SECT Health Improvement Collaborative** is working to support mental well-being and reduce substance abuse, supporting and nurturing health lifestyles and ensuring access to care.

Foster Health and Wellness



The Groton Senior Center participated in the Annual Active Aging Week, offering numerous options for active experiences to support healthy aging. People participated in a hike, smart phone training with Connecticut College students, a scrabble tournament, skype education sessions with the National Space Centre in the United Kingdom and a brain health fair. The weeklong campaign calls attention to and wholeheartedly celebrates the positivity of aging today. It showcases the capabilities of older adults as fully participating members of society and spotlights the role models that lead the way.

Encourage Senior Independence

Ledge Light Health District offered a session on Fall Prevention. Approximately 9,500 deaths of older Americans are associated with falls each year. Falls are the leading cause of death from injury among people 65 and older, and the risk of falls increases proportionately with age. At 80 years, over half of seniors fall annually. Seniors learned how to modify their homes to reduce their risk of falling, how to avoid falling when outside their home, about medications and risk and how to get up from a fall safely.

Create Community Connections

Seniors were eating well at the center in September as the first Lobster Luncheon was offered to 69 participants. Food Service Supervisor, Lamont Hill cooked up this favorite dish.



Resource Protection

Preventative Maintenance

Several playgrounds had engineered hardwood (wood chips) added to them to get the thickness up to code.

Monthly playground safety inspections have been completed.

Ongoing Maintenance

Tasks that are completed on a daily, weekly or seasonal basis including: mowing and trimming of parks, athletic fields, cemeteries and public buildings, landscaping, lining and grooming ball fields, trash collection, and debris and leaf removal. Additional tasks include providing support services for recreation program and events.

All 13 cemeteries that the Parks division is responsible for maintaining the grounds of have been mowed and trimmed this month.

Projects

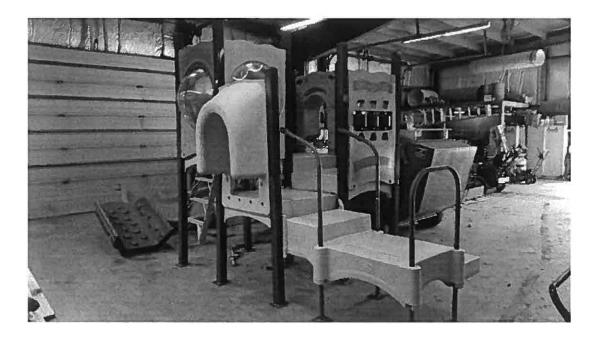
Seaweed from Esker Point Beach was removed and brought to Coogan Farm. Seaweed is used as a fertilizer for the vegetable garden. The vegetables raised from the garden are used to feed families that struggle to put food on their tables.

Concrete pad for the playground on Murphy's Drive was poured.





Playground equipment for Murphy's drive was power washed and pre-assembled at the shop. Installation should be completed in October.



Manager met with an irrigation company representative to obtain a quote for design and installation of an irrigation system at Veterans Memorial Park between the Library and Senior Center.

Contribute to Economic Development

The course hosted the CT PGA Jack Kelly Tournament of Champions, Electric Boat Field Day, Travelers Insurance Outing, Electric Boat Old Timers Day, and Sacred Heart tournament this month.

Here is the link to the results from the Jack Kelly Tournament of Champions: http://www.ctpga.com/popup/article 5186/

Marketing/Promotion

Facebook and e-blasts have been utilized to market the course.

8 off-season memberships have been sold since we started offering them mid-September.

Course Operations

The Men's Club conducted the Four-ball Championship. The champions are Dave Wheatley and Frank Villazante.

Several bunkers had sand added to them.

Greens and tees were treated with fungicide and soluble fertilizer.

Several repairs to the irrigation system were made during the month.

Greens were aerated and topdressed near the end of the month.

A drywell was installed near the 14th green to alleviate a standing water issue.

A plan has been put in place to obtain a new granite bench to replace the one located by 17 tee that was hit by a cart and broken beyond repair.

This September the course played 1699 greens fees, 1479 cart fees, and 1241 season pass rounds. Season passes sold was 1. The course was closed 1 day, with 6 weather days.

Last September had 2564 greens fees, 1328 cart fees, and 1583 season pass rounds. Season passes sold were 2. The course was closed 1, with 2 weather days.

Revenue this September was \$62,468 greens fees, \$28,864 cart fees, \$384 season pass fees, and \$3,100 Par 4 rent, for a total of \$94,816.

Revenue last September was \$76,523 greens fees, \$29,231 cart fees, \$710 season pass fees, and \$3,000 Par 4 rent, for a total of \$109,464.